



HSK 1 Chinese Proficiency Test FACT SHEET

HSK is the standardized international Chinese proficiency test. HSK levels 1 – 6 certify students' level of proficiency from Beginner to Advanced. HSK certificates are recognised by businesses and universities across the world and may be used to apply for scholarships and bursaries for study in China.

HSK Levels

	Vocabulary (characters)	Test duration (minutes)	Total score	Pass Mark
HSK Level 1	150	40	200	120
HSK Level 2	300	55	200	120
HSK Level 3	600	90	300	180
HSK Level 4	1200	105	300	180
HSK Level 5	2500	125	300	180
HSK Level 6	5000	140	300	180

HSK Level 1

HSK Level 1 is equivalent to the Common European Framework Reference for Language (CEF) A1. Candidates who pass HSK Level 1 can understand and use some simple Chinese words and sentences in order to meet the needs of daily communications. Students need approximately 40-60 hours of study to prepare for HSK 1 and will be familiar around 150 basic Chinese words and related grammar points.

Tests are held several times per year, and are now available to take online subject to students having the correct bandwidth and suitable laptop. Test dates are advertised on the Confucius Institute website.

Why take the HSK 1 test:

- HSK provides a structured approach to learning Chinese and allows you to plan your future study.
- It is an accepted qualification for schools and universities.
- It will give an additional edge to your academic qualifications

Test fees

Registration fee £10. HSK Level 1 test fee £20.